Tohono Chul Park/Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) 2007 Xeriscape Contest – Professional Category Entry Rules

PURPOSE: Tohono Chul Park and ADWR are partnering on this Xeriscape Contest to promote the use of native plants, water use awareness and commitment to the long-term resolution of water supply issues in the Tucson Basin. The intent of this contest is to increase awareness within our community of the aesthetic quality attainable by incorporating Xeriscape principles in public and private landscapes while reducing water use, costs and maintenance. The goal is to recognize and honor people who have designed and implemented Xeriscape landscapes that are water efficient.

Xeriscape Principles:

- ♦ Water conserving design
- Reduction in high-water-using turf or plants
- Proper maintenance practices
- ◆ Use of low-water-use/drought-tolerant plants zoned by water use (special emphasis on native plants)
- Incorporation of rainwater-harvesting techniques
- ♦ Soil improvement and use of mulches to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- Appropriate and efficient irrigation methods and water-efficient scheduling by plant type, site conditions and seasonal water needs

ELIGIBILITY: Any Xeriscape landscape that has been installed a **minimum of 2 years**, in the greater metropolitan Tucson Area. Due to time constraints, entries from outlying areas (e.g. Vail, Green Valley, Sahuarita) may be judged solely using photographs submitted with the application, rather than through a site visit.

ENTRY RULES: Each entry must submit an Entry Form and a Judges Form accompanied by a check for \$75.00 by the deadline of: Monday, April 9, 2007. Make checks payable to: Tohono Chul Park - 2007 Xeriscape Contest.

- 1. Each entry must include a reduced set of landscape plans (reduced to 8½" x 11" or 8½" x 14" paper) including a plant list, irrigation method(s) used (drip, spray, etc.), components (clock, individual valves, etc.), and seasonal irrigation schedules. A **one-page description or site analysis** may be included along with any exemplary design features or examples of water-use efficiency incorporated into the landscape that you would like the judges to consider.
- 2. Each entry must submit a **minimum of three (3) and maximum of ten (10) digital photos or 35 mm slides**. Digital photos must be submitted on CD and must be saved at a high resolution for printing (1.5 million total pixels per photo minimum). CD's or and slides must be labeled with the following information:
 - a) Project name (name of resident, building, company, government entity, or in the case of medians or rights-of-way, include the street name with nearest cross street),
 - **b)** Designer's name(s) and,
 - c) Contest year (e.g. 2007). In the case of a retrofit, please indicate "before" and "after" on the photos and try to photograph the site from the same spot for both.

Photos of each entry will be viewed by the judges prior to the site visit. Photos will not be returned.

- 3. Each entry must submit the Judge's Form with the top portion completed.
- 4. If you would like your entry considered for a **Water Conservation Award**, you must also submit a completed **Volume-based Audit Worksheet**. Otherwise, the water-audit form is optional.
- 5. A street map marking the location of the project (e.g. Map Guide, or copy from Tucson Street Atlas) and write out clear directions to the site. Give us the easiest route please!
- 6. Professional photographs of each landscape will be taken on judging day, tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2007. Therefore, please notify your clients of the date and make sure all plants are sufficiently watered (e.g. not wilted), hardscape should be clean and planting areas well maintained.

Mail with a check or money order for all entries to: Tohono Chul Park

Attention: Xeriscape Contest 7366 N. Paseo del Norte Tucson. AZ 85704



Tohono Chul Park/ADWR 2007 Xeriscape Contest PROFESSIONAL DIVISION APPLICATION FORM



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	Judges' Use Only

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this form and the JUDGES FORM (fill in the information above Judges instructions). If you would like your entry to be considered for a Water Conservation Award you must also complete the "Volume Based Audit Worksheet" (provided). **Enclose a check for \$75.00 made payable to: Tohono Chul Park –2007 Xeriscape Contest.**

ENTRANT'S NAME:	PHONE:(* as it would appear on award)
BUSINESS NAME/ ADDRESS/ZIP:_	(* as it would appear on award)
	EMAIL:
DESIGNER(S):	
INSTALLER(S) /CONTRACTOR(S):	
CLIENT NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	ZIP:
MAJOR CROSS STREETS:Please attach a map so the judges can fi	ind your project, Thanks
Whom should we notify of the judgin etc.)?	g date and for site accessibility info (e.g. dogs, guardhouse permission,
OWNER:	
Name	Phone #
If your entry is selected for an award w	who should be invited to accept the award?
NAME/TITLE:	
ADDRESS:	PHONE:
Would you like us to invite your client	to the awards ceremony if you are receiving an award? yesno

* The designer's name is larger and listed first on the award, followed by the company name. If you win an award and prefer that the award list the company name larger, followed by the designers name, please write the business name on the Entrants line followed by the designer's name.